

MISHAWAKA NEWS EVENTS

"Little Mother" Holds Big Crowd Spell-Bound; Talks At Fellowship Club Meet

Maud Ballington Booth, Prison Reform Lecturer, Gives 300 Men and Women an Insight Into Life of Penal Population Held Behind Iron Bars and Within Cold Grey Walls, 100,000 of Them in America.

John and Robert, Peter and Paul, God, in His wisdom created them all. John was a preacher, Robert a slave.

Peter a good man, Paul was a knave.

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—Chemistry of Character.

BY HARVEY C. HOWARD.

Held spellbound by the winsome personality, wholesome motherliness and graphic description of Maud Ballington Booth, known throughout the country as the "Little Mother," noted prison reform lecturer and founder of the Volunteer Reform League, more than 300 men and women who attended the third annual "Ladies Night" of the Mishawaka Fellowship club at the Mishawaka hotel last night, were under-whelmed past stern, concrete prison walls, along dreary corridors, past miles of prison cells, grim courtyards patrolled by armed guards and given a new insight into the tragedy and gladness in the lives of a hundred thousand men and women who make up the penal population of America.

Audience Spellbound.

The "free" audience that listened to the drama of this beautiful and progressive city, could almost hear the cruel click of the bolts as they automatically shut a hundred cells with nothing but a one foot square barred window to let in God's sunlight.

Following close upon the heels of an excellent dinner prepared by Manager Renner, after gales of merriment had swept the long tables groaning beneath their weight of saucy linen and appetizing food, when the Madrigal club had sung its way into the hearts of the gay and animated diners, the realistic word picture of the "Little Mother" struck home with compelling force and brought tears to the eyes of many a so-called hardened business man. Scores of women cried out in sympathy, but there was also much humor and laughter interspersed with the grim tragedy of Maud Ballington Booth's lecture, for the "Little Mother" won her audience at once by her 100 percent sincerity and her splendid genuineness.

First Time Mrs. Booth Here.

Last night was the first time that Maud Ballington Booth had spoken in Mishawaka. Every big city in the United States has known her. Foreign princess and European nobility have done her homage, but it was the same simple, motherly, human woman that made useful citizens of 25,000 human derelicts in the past 25 years, who spoke last night.

The dinner and the speaking program and the entertainment was a credit to the Fellowship club and an honor to its new president, Charles A. Ostrom who arranged the program.

Practically every member brought his wife, mother, sweetheart or friend with him and it was a colorful audience that flanked the long tables in the banquet hall of Manager Renner's hotel.

Madrigal Club Sings.

The ladies of the Madrigal club sang selected songs of welcome as the diners filed into the banquet hall. Their repertoire was varied and they were all in splendid voice. Those who sang last night were: Mesdames Andrew Watson, R. H. Jernigan, C. E. Tyler, C. E. Yeager, Wallace Stoen, Logan Woodward, Miss Winifred Wunderlich and Miss Luella Rempla. Mrs. Fred Corporan was pianist.

The "Little Mother" did not reach the banquet hall until a few minutes past 8 o'clock. When she entered a few present recognized her and the entire audience arose and extended her a rising welcome. She is no sentimentalist. She tells her story earnestly, convincingly and with telling effect, and above



all she impressed the writer who has heard her in other cities as the truest type of mother, a mother to the social outcast, the pariah and the legal outcast.

Her Work in Colorado.

The writer while on the editorial staff of the Denver Express some 11 years ago was interested in prison reform work being done by Thomas J. Tyrant, warden of the Colorado State Prison, who might well be termed the pioneer prison reform warden of America, met Maud Ballington Booth and studied her methods of mending broken men, and witnessed concrete demonstrations of how abandoned criminals, liars, vagrants, pickpockets and even the picturesque bandits of frontier days, became good and useful citizens some becoming bankers, lawyers and others big business men.

"I am bringing to men and women of freedom," she said, "from my eyes behind prison walls. I am not going to paint a sad and dreary picture to you, but a happy and bright one, because many of the misguided and unfortunate men buried behind gray forbidding walls are being inoculated with the virus of manhood, honesty and bodily cleanliness for the first time in their lives. They leave the towering stone walls of the prison with new hope, new life, a new and better purpose in life and many of them can say that the first kind word they ever heard, the first touch of real human sympathy ever extended to them, came during their days of living incarceration."

Does Not Defend Crime.

"What an eternal reflection this is upon civilization and humanity!" That the audience agreed with her was attested by the generous applause that greeted this remark. Mrs. Booth does not defend crime. "I do not claim that those in the prisons are innocent," she dramatically said. "But I do most emphatically condemn the social conditions

in the great land of ours that make crime and criminals possible."

She compared the prisons of the country to hospitals. "We do not punish the fever patient for his ravings in the grip of delirious fever," she said. "We use the best brain and talent available to cure him. Why not try to cure the criminal and minimize crime?"

She traced the source of crime.

RED CROSS COUPE FUND TOTALS \$631.00.

The list of donations now is as follows:

News-Times Mishawaka Office \$ 25.00
Hinkle Motors 25.00
National Guard Boys 40.00
City Firemen 25.00
Frank E. Coats 10.00
Matz & Forstbauer 10.00
Mayor W. W. Dodge 10.00
Sam Gilbert 10.00
Peers Brothers 10.00
Mishawaka Clothiers 10.00
Charles J. Roy 10.00
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Temple Theater 15.55
C. W. Gill 10.00
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A Friend 5.00
Dr. Ivan E. Smith 5.00
Atty. D. D. Nemeth 6.45
Mr. and Mrs. Ross Eminger 5.00
A Friend50
Donation 2.00
Ensign Schnarr 1.00
Owen Matchette, Mgr. of the Palace of Eats 10.00

Tells of Homes Opened.

The "Little Mother" told of the homes she had opened in every state in the union, homes where these human derelicts, these bits of driftwood, are welcome, where they are made to feel at home, where food, clothing, good cheer, religious instruction and employment form the basis of hope, for these homes are all known as "Hope Hall" wherever they are.

She denounced the theory so common that "once a thief, always a thief," and pleaded for a chance for these men whom society had wronged by its unjust and unequal system, by its poverty and vice and

by its selfish ignoring of conditions. She mocked at the term "criminal classes" and declared that with simple, humane treatment, more than 80 percent of released convicts could be made into splendid citizens.

Compliments State Prison.

She complimented the Indiana State prison and said that other prisons in the country could learn much from the Hoosier State and told of how men are being saved there, how evil gives way to decency and honor, told of the new era in prison reform that discards the traditional evils and abuses of the old tyrannical system.

She was repeatedly applauded and upon the conclusion of her splendid address was given a distinct ovation. John B. Ratto, a versatile entertainer, was on the program. The clock pointed to close to midnight when the diners dispersed and all voted the dinner and meeting one of the best and most successful ever held in the club's history.

TONY FOUND WITH WILL'S WIFE; HAS WILL'S ARRESTED

William Kozlowski, who lives at 719 E. Eighth st., was again the central figure in a domestic triangle before Judge John M. Raab in the city court Wednesday morning. Kozlowski appeared in court Jan. 17, as complainant against Tony Moshak, of 234 W. Lawrence st., who he alleged had been paying attention to Mrs. Kozlowski during his absence at the factory at night. The complaint was dismissed because it was improperly drawn.

Tony, determined to have revenge, swore to a warrant against William and had him arrested on a charge of assault and battery. Both Tony and William and an army of witnesses were in court Wednesday morning. It all centered around Tony's visits to William's wife during the latter's absence at work.

Testimony given by witnesses showed that William had warned Tony to stay away from his wife and Tuesday evening, Jan. 17, William was told that Tony was at his house again. He hurried home and ordered Tony to leave. Tony was unwilling to go. A fight ensued. The police were called and the case

aired the next day but was dismissed. Now Tony wants William punished for assault.

Judge Raab dismissed the complaint against William. Atty. James Henniessey appeared for Tony and Atty. John W. Schindler appeared for William.

"PROOF OF THE PUDDING."

A few weeks ago we had the following ad: "If you buy coal of the North Side Coal Co. and it does not prove to be what you expected for the price—call us and we will take it out and refund your money." Since then we have put out a large amount of coal and as yet have had to make no refund.

We are still selling coal with the same understanding.

Pocahontas, screened, \$11.
Pocahontas, mine run, \$9.
Golden Oak, high grade split for cooking, \$10.50.
Other high grade split, \$9.
"Pep," the most for your money, \$8.
Best grades of hard coal, \$15.
NORTH SIDE COAL CO., 506 N. Main st. Phone Mishawaka 11.
2312—Adv.

PARCEL WEIGHT LIMIT INCREASED.

Postmaster John A. Herzog has received word announcing that the limit weight of parcel post packages

has been increased from 11 to 22 pounds as it will especially interest those who wish to send parcels abroad, to Argentina, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Columbia, Costa Rica, Denmark, France, Germany, Guatemala, Haiti, Lithuania, Netherlands, Norway, Roumania, Spitzbergen, Syria when spent to Beyrouth.

BAPTISTS WIN GAME.

The Baptist Mohogins baseball team defeated the Immanuel Baptist team Monday evening by 17 to 8 at St. Monica's gym. Next Monday evening the Baptist team No. 2 will meet the Rock Saltz for a return game, the Baptist second team

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